

## Advance Planning Keeps Bently Nevada from California Power Problems

There's been a lot of coverage in the media lately about the rolling blackouts and "Stage 3" electrical alerts in California – understandably so. Some of the state's industries have had to shut down for days at a time, or slow their activities to a fraction of normal capacity.

These problems have prompted some of our customers to ask if Bently Nevada's Minden facilities will be affected by the outages – as we are only a few miles from the California border. Fortunately, the answer is no. Nevada didn't deregulate its electricity supply in the same way California did. We enjoy uninterrupted service throughout the state. And even if our state were to have problems, Bently Nevada would be relatively unaffected.

Though we never imagined that these energy problems would hit California so soon, we've suspected for a while that uncertainty in the power market would eventually be a reality, and we planned accordingly when we built our new facility. Even without interruptions in the power supply, we knew peak power would continue

to rise in price. We wanted the option to be independent from the grid when economically attractive, or when necessitated by a utility interruption, failure, or natural disaster. With this in mind, we built our new facilities with sufficient back-up diesel generating capacity to continue running our manufacturing and other operations at full capacity indefinitely.

In addition to self-contained electrical power, we gave careful thought to other essential services, such as water, sewer, natural gas for heating/cooling, and natural disasters such as floods or earthquakes. Our facilities are not only self-contained for utilities, they are built away from flood-prone areas and to withstand greater than a 7.0 earthquake.

We realize you rely on us to help keep your machinery and processes running – keeping our commitments to you for timely deliveries of our systems and services is a very high priority. Through careful planning, we've helped ensure that neither power failures, natural disasters, nor temporary utility interruptions will jeopardize our ability to serve you. ↻



One of two 2 MW diesel generators in our new facility.



Main switchgear panel.